

# The Mezzanine Gallery to Exhibit “Plein Air” by Jim Rehak

**On view from May 3-31, 2019**

**Free opening reception on Friday, May 3  
at 5 p.m.**

Wilmington, Del. (April 23, 2019) – *Plein Air*, an exhibition of local landscape paintings by Jim Rehak, will be on view in the Mezzanine Gallery from May 3-31, 2019. The artist will host a free opening reception on Friday, May 3 from 5-7 p.m.

“Plein air” painting is the act of painting outdoors and is a style associated with 19th century French Impressionists. Plein air painters work outdoors to capture landscapes and views in natural light. Rehak chooses his locations to paint by looking for patterns of light, contrast, and color composition. The exhibition will feature more than 20 oil paintings that depict the Brandywine River, New Castle, Lewes, Rehoboth Beach and other locations across the Delmarva Peninsula in various seasons.

Rehak describes painting outdoors as a learning experience with light as the teacher.

*“Changing light requires a flexible and spontaneous response as I learn to see the colors in nature. My final interpretation is the result of past experience combined with the specific experiences offered by nature...including sun, wind and rain,” he said.*

Visitors to the Gallery should enter via the courtyard doors on French Street and take the elevators to the Mezzanine level

due to renovations in the building. **The Gallery will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 27.**

Learn more about Rehak with our YouTube [Meet the Artist](#) video series.

Image: *Cape Morn*, 2017, oil on canvas, 12" x 24"

The [Mezzanine Gallery](#) is open to the public weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located in the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington.

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